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SUBJECT: ITALIAN-BULGARIAN COOPERATION IN OIL DEVELOPMENT

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1. WE HAVE ASKED ITALIAN EMBASSY IF ENI OF ITALY HAS SIGNED LETTER OF INTENT WITH GOB REGARDING OIL DEVELOPMENT PLAN WHICH WOULD ALSO INCLUDE ESSO AND BP. ITALIANS CONFIRMED THAT ENI HAS BEEN HAVING EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH BULGARIANS ON POSSIBLE OFFSHORE EXPLORATION, BUT DOUBT NEGOTIATIONS HAVE PROGRESSED TO LETTER OF INTENT STAGE.

2. COMMENT: NUMEROUS US OIL COMPANIES HAVE ALSO HAD EXPLORATORY TALKS WITH BULGARIANS AND TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE NO CONCRETE AGREEMENTS OR UNDERSTANDINGS HAVE BEEN REACHED. WE KNOW BULGARIANS ARE SHOPPING AROUND IN THIS FIELD BUT WE ALSO DOUBT THAT ANY FINAL DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE.
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